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**MINUTES FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING ON WEE COLLABORATION
MODALITIES WITH USAID KIM PROGRAM ON 10TH FEBRUARY FROM 2PM –
3PM CHAIRED BY DR. MBITHI.**

Members Present

1. PRrof. Wanjiku Kabira – WEE Hub leader
2. Dr. Mary Mbithi - Director Research, WEE Hub
3. Prof. Mary Kinoti – WEE Hub
4. Catherine Ichoya
5. Mugure Kamau- USAID KIM
6. Lucy Mitei – USAID KIM
7. Dr. Agnes Meroka Mutua – WEE Hub
8. Abigael Nyawacha- WEE Hub
9. Rebecca Kuthera – WEE Hub
10. Rose Marete
11. Paul – Techno Serve
12. Brenda Akoth – WEE Hub
13. Ruth Wamuyu – WEE Hub
14. Beverlyne Ochieng – Secretary

MIN 1/FEBRUARY/2022: Introduction

- Dr. Mbithi introduced the agenda and objectives for the meeting.

MIN 2/FEBRUARY/2022: WEE Collaboration modalities with USAID KIM Program

- KIM and UON WEE Hub can embark on co-creating the Incubation Programme for women entrepreneurs. The incubation involves training of the women and other services to the women in the cross border trade.
- The role of UON WEE Hub is to provide the research. The main point of research is to provide the main effect of incubation. The research will start with a baseline and then start monitoring using various indicators.
- The WEE Hub can provide training services and develop the training curriculum.
- KIM can link the women businesses to financial service provide. Kim works by bringing together advisory service providers and link the women businesses with them so that they work hand in hand in getting finances.
- The collaboration would be a tripartite kind of partnership between WEE Hub, Techno Serve and USAID KIM.

MIN 3/FEBRUARY/2022: Criterion used in selecting the women entrepreneurs

- The selection criteria used included looking at the business type, the age of the business, the number of employees, sales per day , education level of owner, days of operation, and license or permit.
- This is the criteria of selecting the 600 plus women.
- In selecting the counties, the following indicators were used;
 - Overall poverty estimates, dependency ratio, labour force participation rate, unemployment rate, gross county product.
 - A total of 12 counties have been selected.
 - Women who are in farming and those doing logistics are mostly interested in the incubation.

MIN 4/FEBRURARY/2022: AOB

- The point now is how to engage different partners.
- There is need for a small committee, which can comprise of a representative from Techno Serve, USAID KIM, and WEE Hub to craft the role of each key party/partner. The discussion should be inclusive.
- The small committee to come up with an action plan which shows the implementation matrix and the role and responsibility of each partner.
- The action plan to be shared with Mugur Kamaue and Lucy Mutei from KIM USAAID.

- The members of the committee include Mr. Mureithi, Catherine Ichoya, Prof. Kinoti, Dr. Mary Mbithi, Dr, Agnes Meroka, Prof. Wanjiku Kabira, Abigael Nyawacha, Paul (Techo Serve).
- This committee shall meet next week on Monday 14th February, 2pm – 4pm.